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### "PRICE-CUTTING" THROUGHOUT U.S. IS ADOPTED HERE

## Reductions of From 20 to 50

Announcements today by these two June 5. firms are in line with the action of practically all of Washington's large mercantile establishments, which, within the last week or ten days, have announced price reductions

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Several days ago a leading men's wear store announced a reduction of 25 per cent on all lines excepting a few on which prices are established by manufacturers. About the same time a leading concern specializing in higher grades of women's wear put into effect price reductions of 25 to 35 per cent. Weather In Responsible.

Washington merchants, in explanation of the price reductions, say the unseasonable spring weather, causing serious curtailment of buying, is in the main re-sponsible. With shelves still filled with goods that should have been moved weeks or months ago, and vith bills to be met, the merchants say the only course open to them has been to make prices sufficiently attractive to buyers to compel them to purchase. Several local merchants have stated in the last few days that little if any further reduction in prices is to be anticipated, and that in all probability the low mark has already been reached.

Prices Slashed Generally. Price slashing is not confined to one section of the country. From almost every section of the Unietd States come reports that merchants are tak-ing the high cost of living "bull by the horns" and "hog-tieing" it with the horns" and "hog-tieing" it with sweeping reductions on staple commodities. The reductions range all the way from 15 to 50 per cent.

Boston stores announce big reductions. The newspapers of that city are printing large display advertisements of special sales. Residents of Buffalo, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh are likewise taking full advantage of the numerous price-cutting sales announced by the merchants.

#### **Bankers Extend Plan** to Deflate Credits,

NEW YORK, May 19 .- Pursuant to their pledge to the Federal Reserve paign of deflation of credits and high

commodity prices. In the financial district this policy already has been effective in reducing speculative loans against securities to the extent of hundreds of millions of dollars in the last fortnight. In one instance, that of a prominent trust company, it is said that credits of this character had been reduced by general merchandise been proceeding along the same and the pressure exerted by those institutions is said to be directespecially by the large department

Downtown banks, which in a large

weil as manufacturers of jewelry, sil verware and other so-called non-es-sentials are said to have received word from their banks that only the most oderate financial accommodations may be expected at this time.

The president of a bank in the wholesale shoe district is authority

Prices Slashed in New York.

The price-slashing movement apseared to have struck New York tovertisements inserted by many of the leading department stores, reading:
"Reductions of \$23.50 to \$70 in wom"Reductions of \$23.50 to \$70 in wom-

"Fifty per cent off on our entire stock of children's and misses' hats." "Special clearance sale of boys' "Any suit, coat or dress at half 'At less than cost-remaining stock

of spring dresses."
"Deduct 20 per cent right off the price ticket on all sporting goods."
Meanwhile the city hall became the scene of a public hearing on high prices. The joint legislative committee which investigated radicalism in this state and which has held two closed sessions on the subject of profi-A number of prominent sugar brokers

Reports From Coast to Coast. CHICAGO, May 19.—Reports of price in wearing apparel and miscel-merchandise continued to be received from various regions of the country today. Owners of department stores in cities from New England to the Pa-cific coast and the Mexican border announced reductions ranging from 20 to 50 per cent. The price of shoes was re-

ported in some quarters to have been paired, from ever again descending cut one-fifth. the far west tell of promised reductions. Juds in these necessities ranging from 15 per of the Financial authorities here said that will preside at the meeting. the indications were that the price decline would be limited to ready-to-

wear clothing, principally women's garments and silks. Shoes were in Tight money and inadequate transportation facilities were cited among the prime reasons for the mercantile movement. Delays in delivery of goods, in which much money had been

tied up, together with inability of farmers to get grain and livestock to market, were said in many instances to have worked a hardship on mer-

## PROPOSED HOUSE ACTION BANKERS APPEAL

heir stand for retention of the halfand-half principle of financing the National Capital, House leaders intend to put through a continuing resolution which will authorize the District government to make expenditures during the next fiscal year on the same basis as during the fiscal

by Some Retailers.

Jolts to the high cost of living in Washington were administered today when two large establishments announced flat reductions of 20 per cent on the retail prices of their goods. One of the establishments handles men's clothing and furnishings, the other women's wear.

Announcements today by these two forms are in line with the action of the same basis as during the fiscal part of the subcommittee on District appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations committee and yes'erday consulted House Leader Mondell. Mr. Davis told Mr. Mondell that as soon as an agreement can be reached between the Senate and House conferees on the half-and-half provision the rest of the bill can be disposed of within twenty-four hours.

The House leaders are considering the fiscal propriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the subcommittee on District appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the subcommittee on District appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Good of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Cood of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Cood of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Cood of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Cood of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman Cood of the subclosure of the appropriations, has been in conference with Chairman

# TO SUBURBS SOON

### County Superintendent Has Plans for Action Within

all the main highways connecting the District with Maryland, an official in the office of L. R. Grabill, superintendent of county roads, promised today.

"Of course, we cannot put these main arteries in the condition they ought to be in with the limited funds at our disposal, but we will try to make them smooth," said one of Mr.

system.

"This congestion of freight is found in practically all of the large railroad centers and shipping ports. It arises chiefly from inadequate transportation facilities available at this time, and is seriously crippling business. We are informed that the per ton mile of freight increased in three years—1916, 1917 and 1918—47½ per cent, while the freight cars in the freight cars in the condition of freight is found in practically all of the large railroad centers and shipping ports. It arises chiefly from inadequate transportation facilities available at this time, and is seriously crippling to substitute the per ton mile of freight is found in practically all of the large railroad centers and shipping ports. It arises chiefly from inadequate transportation facilities available at this time, and is seriously crippling of the large railroad centers and shipping ports. It arises chiefly from inadequate transportation facilities available at this time, and is seriously crippling of the large railroad centers and shipping ports. It arises chiefly from inadequate transportation facilities available at this time, and is seriously crippling of the large found in practically all of the large found in pra main arteries in the condition they ought to be in with the limited funds at our disposal, but we will try to make them smooth," said one of Mr. Grabill's representatives.

With the \$35,000 deficiency item just appropriated by Congress the superintendent of county roads expects to make some immediate improvement in the main highways, such as Connecticut avenue, Wisconsin avenue, Benning road and 16th street, by patching up the worst holes. up the worst holes.

Depends on Congress. The amount of immediate improve ment which the repair gangs will be able to make in the roads, however, depends largely on whether Congress allows the additional \$20,000 for suburban roads for which the Commissioners have asked in the general deficiency bill.

ficiency bill.

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New York Announces

cently made available will just about cover the wages of the mon for the balance of the fiscal year. There is not a very large supply of the materials used in repairing the suburban roads on hand. If the additional \$20.000 is allowed by Congress it will mediate effect as may be warranted under their authority, and that their pledge to the Federal Reserve spring." said one of Mr. Grabill's as-Board, leading banking interests of sistants, "but this spring we were un-this city today extended their cam-able to start repairing the damage done during the winter, because just when good weather was setting in became practically ex-

As a result of this shortage of funds nearly all of April was lost. Fear Conference Deadlock.

Officials of the engineer department pointed out today that if the District bill becomes deadlocked in conference between the House and Senate, as it did last summer, the resurfacing of Bladensburg road, Bowen road and districts part of Connecticut avenue will be

The engineer department cannot get bids or make contracts for these jobs until the appropriation bill becomes ompany, who called at the District building today, said that Washington

### MEETING IN INTEREST

an invitation to all organizations in terested in this movement to send a only gets that 30 per cent mined. The movement of coal over the great the committee, to be held tomorrow lakes has been retarded to the danger the committee, to be held tomorrow lakes has been retarded to the danger the committee. en's high-class capes, cape wraps and of Citizens' Associations, Washington Automotive Trade Association and These organizations practically em-brace the entire population of the city, and it is expected that action taken by this joint committee will have a far-reaching effect. ation and will be submitted to the joint conference. The question of roads, from all angles will be discuss-ed and possible remedies for their present condition will be taken up by

this state and which has held two closed sessions on the subject of profiteering as a cause of social unrest today flung open its doors to the public. said, there is not a single road worthy of the name in the District nditions here are characterized as "shameful," and inasmuch as the roads have been steadily getting worse, with little or no repair work being done, the committee will seek prompt action

It is the plan of the representatives taken, it is thought. of the American Automobile Associa tion to submit a new scheme designe to prevent District highways, once reto such a sow condition of disrepair, it was learned today.

Dispatches from twenty-four cities in it was learned today.

Judge Martin A. Kanpp, chairman of these necessities ranging from 15 per of the advisory committee of the National Capital Division of the A. A. A.

#### BOSS BARBERS MAKE THREAT.

Will Close Shops if Employes Extend Strike to Hotels.

NEW YORK, May 19.-Boss barbers today threatened to close all shops in New York if the strike of journey-men barbers extended to include shops in hotels, office buildings and

## ON D. C. APPROPRIATION TO END CONGESTION IN FREIGHT TIE-UP

## Present Resolutions to I. C.

Board today and presented a resolution adopted yesterday at a conference with Governor Harding of the Federal Reserve Board.

Increase in freight rates to build up the credit of the railroads is asked. Such an increase, it is stated, will tend to relieve inflation of prices and a consequent inflation of credit from which "the whole country is suffering."

Text of Resolution.

The resolution follows:
"The whole country is suffering from inflation of prices, with the consequent inflation of credit. From the reports made by the members of this conference, representing every section of the country, it is obvious the Two or Three Weeks.

Within the next two or three weeks substantial repairs will be made to the country, it is obvious that great sums are tied up in products which if marketed would relieve necessity. The substantial repairs will be made to the

per cent, while the freight cars in service during the same period increased 1.9 per cent.

"A striking situation exists which can only be relieved through the upbuilding of the credit of the railroads. This must come through adequate and prompt increase in freight rates. Any delay means the paying of a greater cost, directly and indirectly, and places a burden on the credit system which in the approaching time for seasonable expansion may cause abnormal strain. Even under the load of war inflation, high-price level and extravagances the bank reserves or war innation, high-price level and extravagances the bank reserves would probably be sufficient if quick transportation would be assured during the time of the greatest strain."

The resolution adds:

"That this conference urge as the most important remedies that the

bal instructions as may seem appropriate for the committee."

The resolution is signed by E. W. Decker of Minneapolis, Charles E. Reiman of Baltimore, Charles H. Mc-Nider of Chicago, John Perrin of San Francisco and R. L. Ball of San An-

Railroads' View Criticised.

Railroads operating through mid-dle western coal-producing districts dle western coal-producing districts are interpreting recent emergency orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission in a fashion which leads to serious and dangerous discriminato serious and dangerous discrimina-tion ngainst coal supply to the pub-lic, according to a statement signed by nearly 100 members of the House of Representatives today. A commit-tee headed by Representative Israel M. Foster, republican, Ohio, and in-cluding William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers of America, and John Moore, president of the Ohio district of the same organization and several congressmen, will put the measure control operations of uptown banks, are reported to have advised drastic curtailment of loans to merchants who for any reason fail to comply with the government's defiation program.

Accommodations Moderate.

Importers and other dealers in the more luxurious articles of apparel as weil as manufacturers of jewelry, sil
is not alone in the problem of keeping its highways in good condition during the high prices and increased use of motor vehicles.

The Boston post road, which, he said, was regarded as one of the best in the country, has been badly damaged by heavy use. The growth of the ship-by-truck movement, he declared, is telling on the roads of the country.

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Representative Foster's Views. "Unless the practices are stopped

OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS and something is done to remedy the situation we will have next winter a coal shortage as bad as that of 1917." Representative Foster asserted. The president of a bank in the wholesale shoe district is authority for the statement that loans to dealers in leather and rubber goods are smaller now than at any period in the last eighteen months.

To widen the scope of activity of the president of the mine workers are joining with us in presenting the appeal, the danger is to the public at large. The railroads, which consume about 30 per cent of all the coal mined, are moving the cars in a fashion which point, and the northwest is already suffering from a shortage." Miners are joining in the plea, according to the statement of their rep-resentatives, because the failure to furnish cars has closed down many mines and left them out of employ-

Members of Congress from Michimpanied a delegation of manufacturers from that state to'a conference this morning with members of the commission. The hearing was a closed one. It was stated that the Reports from the congested rail cen-Reports from the congested rail centers were under consideration of Commissioner C. B. Atchison today, who has been placed in charge of the car service. It was believed that the commission is going very slowly with any sweeping priority orders for the movement of freight. If jams can be relieved by co-operation between the more than 100 inspectors of the commission who are in the field and the terminal officials at the points of congestion drastic steps, such as the issuance of priority orders, will not be reflective campaign against profit p

suance of priority orders, will not be Not as Bad as Month Ago. It is shown that while the present congestion is acute, it is not actually as bad as it was a month ago. The peak of the strain was reached April peak of the strain was reached April 15, when the number of cars moved daily was the lowest and the number necessary to move higher than at any time since the congestion began. The railroads are still far from the care of the research of "catching up," however, and the re-sults of the months of continued strain on the transportation facilities are becoming more in evidence Although there has been some talk of a curtailment of passenger traffic, it is not thought the commission will take such a step unless conditions be-

Movement of Empty Cars Begun. Movement of empty cars toward the west for grain loading has begun in large quantities, the commission an-nounced yesterday afternoon. The to have worked a hardship on merchants.

A financial authority here said that if reports of price cutting were dependable they indicated a tendency toward a reduction in inventories. Though this might be temporary, he said, it was undoubtedly good, in that it suggested that merchants were go
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shops in hotels, office buildings and the grain loading has begun in large quantities, the commission announced yesterday afternoon. The cars are being moved in solid trains from the New England states and the Atlantic seaboard under expedited or ders and their progress is being carefully watched to avoid delays, it was stated. Simultaneously, a counter movement of empty cars has begun (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

come worse.



APPREHENSIVE.

## CALLS ON PUBLIC TO RISE AND SWEEP **OUT PROFITEERING**

#### Senator Kenyon Urges Awakened Sentiment in Every Community Against Evil.

"A great awakened public sentiment in every community should sweep the profiteers to social oblivion —scrap them on the junk neap of disrepute," said Senator Kenyon of Iowa. ment in every community should addressing the Senate today. He said that the question above all

others in which the American people are interested at this time is the high cost of living. He strongly urged a committee of five, representing the various sections of the country, be appointed by the chairman to present this resolution to the Interstate Commerce Commission and the United States Shipping Board with such verbal instructions. cost of living.
"The situation can be helped some
by the American people wearing their
old clothes and their old shoes." continued Senator Kenyon. "No one need be ashamed of patches on clothes or shoes. They are badges of honor. It already the failure of the people to buy is having some effect on prices.

"People Cursing Profiteers."

"There is one phase of the high cost of living that can be remediedthat is profiteering. I believe it is safe to say that nearly one-half of the increased cost of living is due to they are cursing the profiteers; they are damning Congress because it does not do something, and there is a spirit of hate developing in this coun-try that is ominous." Senator Kenyon said it was no wonder that the people were discontented when they read of the tremendous profits that "patrioteers have gathered to themselves during and since the war, and with what unction they wran the flag about themselves and de-nounce every one who questions their right to rob the American people as be shevists, pro-Germans and creators of unrest. They are the most short-sighted of all the citizens of the republic. They are making people hate their government, and today the proliteering of the patrioteer is the penace of the nation. "it is not only manufacturers who have engaged in the pleasant pastime been equally busy.

f profiteering, but retailers have War Brings Millionaires. "One result of the war seems to be

we had 6,664 millionaires as compared with 2.348 in 1914. "Since the Supreme Court declared the stock dividends were not subjects of the excess profit tax there has been a tremendous issuance of stock dividends. It would seem almost dis-loyal at this time, when the government is racking every field of in-dustry for taxation, for these great corporations which have made unprecedented profits, to escape just that there is unrest in the country of stress. Men who will rob their fel shortage of coal, due to the tie-up in transportation, was emphasized by the manufacturers as threatening industries in that state. Steps to move coal from the mines was urged.

Description the converted relicent profits. Laws can curb them to some

> profiteering. If the law is not suffi-cient, he said, Congress will give more. "Why not organize anti-profiteering societies in the various communities of the United States, and make public doings of certain distinguished citizens mally who are robbing the community?" sug-The gested Senator Kenyon. Senator Kenyon said that the co mittee investigating the shoe indus-try was informed that there had been about three people sent to jail for profiteering.
> "None of the big profiteers, however," said Senator Kenyon. "A few of the big profiteers landed in jail would have a restraining effect upon future robberies by these national pirates. The prosecutions have amounted to practically nothing. What this country needs today above everything else is a President who ill smash the profitcers. He will do

> > Royal Arcanum Sessions Open.

this by appointing an Attorney Gen-

eral who cares more about enforcing the laws than he does for running for

### HOUSE CHIEFS ACCEPT SENATE PEACE MEASURE

agreed today to accept the peace esolution as adopted by the Senate as a substitute for the House resoution, and decided tentatively to call t up Friday for final action.

House concurrence in the Senate measure will be asked by Chairman Porter of the House foreign affairs committee, and leaders said that the republican majority will adopt his motion, which will send the peace resolution to the President.

While some House republicans preferred the text of their resolution they were said to be willing to accept the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution before the Senate plan rather than force the peace resolution to the peace resol

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had been supplanted by that of the

The attractiveness of the United of Christians whose beliefs and govern States Treasury as a source of revenue for the financing of future European wars was the only reason for the continued exort to entice this country into the league, he said.

Presents Fosdick Article.

The discussion was precipitated by Senator McKellar, democrat, of Tennessee, who read into the Record an article by Raymond B. Fosdick, former assistant secretary general of the league, purporting to outline what had been accomplished by the league. Senator McKellar said he read the article because it showed that the United States was "sitting back and being relegated to a position in the rear," while the other nations were taking part in world affairs. Senator Borah said he got some comfort out of the Fosdick article by the fact "the state of Georgia differs from Mr. Fosdick," and added it was safe to say that the convention will not indorse Mr. Fos-

Power Behind League.

"One result of the war seems to be been international finance," Senator a large crop of millionaires. In 1917 Borah said. Senator Thomas, democrat, Colorado said the league seemed to be "getting along splendidly" without the United States, and added that the "United States Treasury offers a great temptation to the rest of the world" and would make this country an "at-

## PRESIDENT SIGNS BILL

President Wilson today signed the Army and Navy bill providing for Army and Navy bill providing for these matters, but simply to illustrate that necessary or desirable changes the great obstacles in the way of real officers and enlisted men to cover the Christian unity. And, for this end, of the bill to either house of Control of the bill to either house of th next two years. Later a joint committee the increases shall be made permanent.

The total increases in the measure, which is known as H. R. 11,927, amount of real hopefulness and deserve our papers and deserve our unlimited confidence. the increases shall be made permanent. to about \$60,000,000 a year and embrace practically every class of men in the service with the exception of privates prayer and to bring together a con-Beginning with first-class privates in the Army and extending up to the grade of color sergeant, all enlisted men will receive an increase of 20 per cent over

The increase for commissioned offi-cers in the Army for corresponding rank in the Navy is as follows: Secrank in the Navy is as follows: Seclieutenant. \$420 per year; first ference along these lines is planned lieutenant. \$420 per year; first ference along these lines is planned rent, the thief called at the Walker aside from and in addition to any lieutenant, \$600; captain, \$720; major, to be held in Switzerland August 12, apartment, saying he wanted a room for an invalid sister. The ring was to impose in order to pay a bonus to

In addition the act provides that when officers are transferred permanently from one station to another tion MONTREAL, May 19.—The supreme council of the Royal Arcanum opened its forty-third annual convention here today. Delegates from all over the United States and Canada are in attendance.

Hendrich The States and Canada are in attendance.

Densation to non-commissioned officers of the grade of color sergeant and above. Field clerks get an addition of \$240 per year under the measure the pay is in excess of \$2,500, when they shall receive such increase as will not make their total increase as will not make their total increase as will not make their total increase. gar more than \$2,740 per year.

## **BISHOP DISCUSSES** "CHURCH UNITY

### **Episcopal Church, Diocese of** Washington, Meets in

25th Session.

Church unity cannot be produced by "mere mechanical aggregations," but has its basis "in the faith and in the spirit of truth and peace and love," one of "Big Things" in View.

Geclared Bishop Alfred Harding in declared Bishop Al the course of his address before the twenty-fifth annual convention of the Episcopal Church, diocese of Washington, at Whitby hall, National Cathedral School today. The first business session was preceded with services at Bethlehem Chapel, St. Alban's.

"One of the big things that the re-classification will accomplish will be the equalization of pay for substantially equivalent service. There is nothing so disheartening as the present lack of system by which persons working almost side by side and doing substantially equivalent work receive grossly unequal pay. A defective civil service, such as our present Bethlehem Chapel, St. Alban's.

"The subject of 'church unity' is in the air as never before," said Bishop Harding. "It is much talked about, means the mechanical federation of seperate denominations represent-Discussion of the German peace cial publication of the Federal Counbe ashamed of patches on clothes or treaty and the league of nations flared cil of Churches it is admitted that is a time of essential sacrifice, and up again in the Senate today, Senator while these different religious bodies Borah, republican, of Idaho, asserting common ends, denominational differentat the league's influence in Europe had been supplianted by that of the "One cannot but feel that the most hopeful efforts along these lines are those that seek to reunite those bodies ments are practically identical and who are divided on merely sectional lines or

Basis Is Unity in Faith.

"But unity such as our Lord prayed might be the convincing evidence to the world of His divine mission and His au-thority and claims cannot be produced by mere mechanical aggregations. The who are praying for real unity, which shall embrace all who profess and call themselves Christians, Greek and Roman and Anglican and Protestant, know and fee! that the basis of it must be unity in the faith and in the spirit of truth and peace and love, however diverse be the outward expression of the faith in forms of worship or in ritual ob-We cannot agree to 'the essential

scriptures, cannot agree with what is to put forth as one of the cardinal prin-"The great moving power behind cently in convention in our the league from the beginning has regard to the sacraments, notable advertisement published in our Washington papers, say frankly and unreservedly, 'The two church ordi-nances, baptism and the Lord's Supper, are symbolical and memorial and are to be observed by the churches in obedience to Christ's commands, but they neither save nor help to save men's souls.'

Belief of Rantists. "And again, Baptists steadfastly hold that all true believers in Jesus Christ have been born again and are saved, whether they be members of any or no religious denomination.'
"This represents one extreme," said Bishop Harding, as he finished reading these extracts. "Equally we cannot agree to the demands of Rome for absolute and unqualified submission to her authority.

authority.
"I am not now proposing to argue but simply to illustrate Christian unity. And, for this end, that I may affirm my personal con-viction that the underlying plan and unlimited confidence and our support.
"This way seeks to unite us all in ference of all believers to discuss what things each considers funda-mental and what are not, and with of truth to guide us into all the truth.

except those of the Roman obedience. another male I call your earnest attention to the On the pres hopeful fact that a preliminary con-

where the racing courses are sit- a waiting automobile and drove rap-

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#### Committee Cites Its Benefits to Government as Well

as Workers.

Members of Congress, federal employes, the public at large and educational institutions of the District were called upon today to interest themselves in the purpose of the proposed reclassification legislation, in the joint conference on reclassifica-

of Architects and Draftsmen, proved the "first gun" in a general campaign to be waged by the conference to rescue the report and bill of the reclassification commission from the "inocuous desuetude" to which it seems to have been consigned.

ocuous desuetude" to which it seems to have been consigned.

Issuance of the formal statement of principles was authorized at a meeting of the conference last night. It was the opinion of the members that there was a tendency on the part of Congress, and possibly persons in private life, to think that the reclassification of the 107,000 federal workers here concerns primarily that iners here concerns primarily that in-dividual employe, whereas it is the belief and conviction that the reclas-sification would affect principally the government itself

Text of the Statement.

What the reclassification is and is not is brought out in the declaration of principles issued today by the special committee appointed to draw it up, as follows:

"There is no thought on the part of the promoters of the reclassification to establish a plan that will keep in the government service either incompetent or superfluous employes. The adoption of the plan of the reclassification which will put the administration of the service on a good business basis would unquestionably tend to the elimination of incompetent or unnecessary employes.

"The reclassification will tone up the government service by holding in it the most competent giving then the statement successes over the poles on passing the Dvina river at Polotzk, in the government at Violotzk, according to an official state—when the statem

the government service by holding in it the most competent, giving them something to look forward to in the way of a worthy career, and the holding of the accumulated experience and skill represented in the government service.

service admittedly is, results in the here are without official information, as needless expenditure of thousands of there is no means of communication bedollars annually because of the turn-tween this city and southern Russia. over that results from the dissatisinitiative and retards development of the employes who remain. The effect of this can only be a steady lowering

of the standard of personnel that is obtainable.
"Not only does the government steadily dissatisfaction with the prevailing conditions go back home among their people and there recite the appalling conditions that they have found, which results in creating a sentiment in the minds of a large part of our population which lose by this turnover, but those who leave the government service because of would be prejudicial to any one who had any thought whatever of entering the government employment. "Government employment as a conse-

quence is looked upon as a berth for those who have no initiative or business ability, and many of our representatives, hearing the opinions of their constituents who have left the government employment, have begun to believe that under the present method of conducting the government business the opinion that they hold is true. Thus every competent but however financed," was announced todissatisfied employe who leaves the gov- day in a letter from Secretary Housof the service and helps to deter other competent persons from entering government employment.

Purpose of the Promoters. "The purpose of the promoters of cently in convention in our city, with report, but rather the securing of in a plan by which just and reasonable notable advertisement published in compensation can be insured for each Nothing for many months has employe of the government. "The system included in the reclassification report is sufficiently flexible to facilitate changes from time to time to meet changing condi-"The committee is especially desirous of eliciting the interest of all in-

ployes whose positions appear to be adversely affected by the reclassifica-tion in order to secure their criticism to the end that helpful and conabout either in the legislative stage or later through the instrumentality of the Civil Service Commission. Obviously it is clear that it would be mitting the bills introduced by R. desirable to secure these suggestions prior to the hearings on the bill, so gress for consideration.'

beries reported to the police in retent over their present rate of pay. Color sergeants and higher grades will receive the 20 per cent increase besides one additional ration, now amounting to 55 in view, but it has already brought to light signs of great promise.

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#### Gen. Brusiloff, Czar's Army Leader, Supreme in Moscow, It Is Claimed.

By the Associated Press

LONDON, May 18.-Gen. Alexis A. a statement of principles issued by Rrusiloff, former commander-in-chief of Russian armies under the imperial This statement, prepared today by R. J. Quinn of the adjutant general's office; Dr. George W. Bowerman of the Public Library, and A. J. Oliver, president of the Washington Society ment by Nikolai Lenine and other people's commissaries, according to a statement printed this morning by the Daily

> This would seem to confirm a recent dispatch to the Associated Press that military authorities in Russia were about to assume the powers formerly in the hands of civilian officials of the bolshevik regime in Moscow.

Rumors that a military coup had been sprung at the Russian capital have been current several days.

Bolshevik Success LONDON, May 19.—The bolsheviki won important successes over the Poles on passing the Dvina river at

Denunciation of the Polish attack on bolshevik Russia and what is regarded as Great Britain's complicity in that offensive is contained in a manifesto issued here by a number of labor leaders, including John Robert Clynes, William Brace and diam Crooks, laborite members of parliament.

The triennial conference of the dock-are' union sitting at Phymouth has

faction that drives competent employes out of the service and destroys was reported on May 11, and what purinitiative and retards development of ported to be official confirmation was received in Paris and London the next day On May 14, however, the British war office issued a statement declaring that reports that Ukarinians had occu-

## IS OPPOSED BY **ADMINISTRATION**

The administration opposition any bonus legislation "in any form, advertises the defects ton to Chairman Fordney of the House ways and means committee and made public by Representative Henry T. Rainey of Illinois.

Representative Rainey interprets. Secretary Houston's letter as a warn-"We cannot agree to the essential oneness of bodies holding and teaching diverse views as to fundamental things. This church in loyalty to our Lord and to His apostles and to the loyalty to our Lord and to His apostles and to the loyalty to our loyalty to the government, but there is longers will be kept in session all loyalty to the government, but there is longers will be kept in session all loyalty to the government, but there is longers will be kept in session all loyalty to the government, but there is longers will be kept in session all loyalty to the government, but there is longers will be kept in session all loyalty to the government, but there is longers will be kept in session all loyalty to the government. summer devising other ways of raisput forth as one of the cardinal prin-ciples of a large body of Baptists re-and wage schedule included in the ligations of the government, on which Secretary Houston laid emphasis in

caused as much excitement at the Capitol as did this letter from Secre-tary Houston, coming at a time when the American Legion is in session in Washington, and when the members are visiting individual members of Congress in their offices in regard to bonus legislation, and when the re-publican members are about to meet in caucus tonight on bonus legislation. Secretary Houston in his letter points out that within three years the total indebtedness of the government maturing will be about \$8,000,000,000. Secretary Houston's Letter.

Secretary Houston's letter was in mitting the bills introduced by Repre-sentative Johnson of South Dakota, republican, and Representative Rainey of Illinois, democrat, to provide for the payment adjusted compensation to the veterans of the world war. Both bills imposed an 80 per cent war profits tax.

The Secretary's letter said: "The most serious aspect of this com-ensation matter, as I pointed out when I had the honor of appearing before the committee, is the proposal greatly to add, especially at this time, to the present grievous burden resting upon the people of the nation and upon the Treasury. The method of financing the proposal raises grave problems, but is condary.

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"It is no 'nger possible to finance the current needs of the government in part by the issue of Treasury cer-

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